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PROSPECTS FOR BARREN VALLEY ARE EXCELLENT

The Hill line is planning on coming through this section of the county and many opportunities are offered homesteaders. It is only recently that the value of this fertile soil has been found out; its wonderful products astonished the new settlers. The 1912 crops were bumper and brought a good many men into this part of the county. Most all of the school and road lands have been bought up by large companies and will be turned into cultivation as soon as possible. I must say a few words in regard to the new settlers. They are a most prosperous and energetic lot of young people.

Many of them have made wonderful improvements in this section of the county, clearing the land, building barns for their stock and establishing nice homes. This valley is beautifully situated, surrounded by an ideal stock range where cattle, horses and sheep winter year without feeding. The valley with its fertile and productive soil is adapted to grain, hay and root crops. There are still a few homesteads left. The valley extends from Crowley to Folly Farm, Oregon, a distance of twenty-eight miles. For further particulars write to Mike Gallagher, Crowley, Oregon.

STATE CANNOT GIVE TITLE TO LANDS SOLD BY BOARD

The following lands have been sold and deeded by the state land board, but the state is unable to convey title and those claiming ownership are entitled to a refund of the amounts paid: sec 14 section 20, township 18 south range 41 east, 40 acres; granted to Lemuel Burgess, January 24, 1902. Sec 14 range 4, township 20 south, range 37 east 40 acres, granted to H. C. Doyle, October 25, 1889. Sec 14 range 22 and sec 14 range 28, township 30 south, range 39 east, 80 acres; granted to M. Fitzgerald October 18, 1902. Sec 14 range 33, township 20 south, range 39 east, 40 acres granted to E. Fitzgerald July 30, 1903. Sec 14 section 20 township 25 south, range 38 east, 40 acres; granted to Thos. Turnbull October 16, 1901. N 1/2 sec 14 range 29, township 26 east, range 37 south, 80 acres; granted to Thos. Turnbull October 16, 1901.

50,000 POUNDS OF ALFALFA SEED SHIPPED FROM HERE

The Ontario Commission company shipped two car loads of alfalfa seed last week, about 50,000 pounds, which brought some \$6,500 to the farmers. If the farmers of this section had cows or an alfalfa meal mill they would have no trouble in disposing of their hay at good prices. There is a big demand for dairy products and also for alfalfa meal and both can be shipped.

OVER 300 CARS OF SHEEP SHIPPED LAST YEAR

The stock inspector, W. W. Hinton, reports that there were over 300 cars of sheep shipped from here last year, a total of about 90,000 head and representing at least a quarter of a million dollars. Many of the sheep men chased out entirely and most of them reduced their holdings, being afraid of what might happen with free wool and small sheep. Most of those who stayed with the business are breeding for more than wool.

GREEK IS SHOT BY COUNTRYMAN AT VALE

In Quarrel Over Gambling Debts--First Murder Ever Committed in City

At about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a couple of Greeks got into an altercation and guns were displayed, with the result that one of them named Joe Uzeloc was killed by the other, whose name is Joe Oosin.

It is rumored that the quarrel was over a woman and gambling debts. The shooting occurred on Main street just north of the Empire Lumber company's yard. There were several eye witnesses and the murderer was promptly taken into custody by the sheriff and is now in the county jail.

The quarrel between the two men evidently started in the railroad camps on the line of the new railroad for the men had been in Vale for three or four days and had been quarreling for two days.

One shot was fired by the dead man and the man who came off first test shot seven times and five shots took effect in the body of his dead countryman.

HALLOWELL CONCERT CO. GIVES GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

The Hallowell Concert company appeared at the Dreamland on Sunday evening and gave as good a concert as was ever heard here. The company seems to have several stronger men than last year. The soloist was in excellent voice and responded to numerous encores. The harpist, clarinet, violin and cornets were in master hands. It is to be regretted that there was not a crowded house, as the entertainment well deserved it.



W. E. BORAH
Unanimously Re-elected by Republican Members of Idaho Legislature to the United States Senate.

TWO CARLOAD OF HORSES SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA

The horse market seems quite active. Two carloads of heavy animals were shipped from the McWilliams barn this week and they have nearly enough for another car. While the 1400 and 1500 pound animals sell the demand, is for the heavier stuff and they readily pay \$50 to a \$100 more for one that weighs around 1700 and 1800. There is practically no demand for the light stuff. This should show the farmers that it will pay them to breed only for heavy colts and it certainly pays to raise colts when they bring from \$150 to \$250 at four years of age. These horses were shipped to California.

EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR POULTRY SHOW

Much Interest is Being Manifested and a Big List of Well Groomed Birds Will Be Exhibited.

Beginning next Wednesday the Ontario Poultry show will be held in the Lees building north of the Ontario hotel. It is expected that several hundred birds will be exhibited, as well as much pet stock. The premium lists have been mailed, but if anyone interested in poultry has been overlooked the lists can be obtained at the Commercial club or by writing to the secretary.

G. G. Wherry, the judge who will score the birds is a favorite wherever he has officiated and the exhibitors are assured of satisfaction, where Mr. Wherry places the ribbons.

The Ontario merchants have donated over \$300 in merchandise as

POULTRY SHOW PREMIUM LISTS BEING MAILED

The catalogues for the chicken show were mailed out this week and it is seen that many more premiums are being offered than last year and the inquiries indicate that the number of birds exhibited will be much larger.

The show people have received the ribbons and they are certainly a handsome lot and well worthy the high class birds that will receive them.

OREGON & EASTERN IS FORMALLY TAKEN OVER

There was a special train here Monday with some officials from the O. W. R. & N. and the Short Line. George W. Baehke, chief engineer, represented the O. W. R. & N. Co., and Mr. Manson the Short Line. The train was run to Vale and the construction work was formally taken over by the O. W. R. & N. officials.

The Brogan branch was not taken over at this time as there was some details not worked out.

The gang that had been repairing the bridge at Mallett, was taken off and rushed away and they barely got away before the transfer was made.

The steel gang has a few days work to do near the first big tunnel and then they will lay the rails on the Nyssa Homedale line.

The Idaho Northern was taken over by the Short Line people a few days ago and it is thought that they will take over that portion of the Payette Valley line between New Plymouth and Emmett. This will place them in position to extend that line to a direct junction with the main line at Malheur Junction.

STEAMER GOES ON REEF

Passengers Removed in Surfboats and No Lives Are Lost

Halifax, N. S.—The steamer Uranium, of the Uranium Steamship company, bound from Rotterdam, for Halifax and New York, stranded on a reef during thick weather near the Chebec-to-headlight station, nine miles below Halifax and is still held fast.

The steamer struck head on when the tide was half high. Late in the afternoon her bow was six feet out of water. There were seven fathoms of water under her amidships and 17 fathoms at the stern. The plates at the bow are ripped open. The steamer was far out of her course when she struck. She did not have a pilot on board.

Her 880 passengers were taken off by the government steamer Lady Laurier and a small fleet of harbor craft, and were landed safely in Halifax.

special premiums and some valuable prizes are offered. The Commercial club has purchased two handsome silver trophies which will be contested for.

The show will last three days and should be largely attended.

WANT APPROPRIATION FOR MODEL POULTRY FARM

The lay of the Oregon hen has been the subject of much thought on the part of the regents of the Oregon Agricultural college and they will seek funds from the legislature to establish a model poultry farm at Corvallis. The average hen in the state lays about 50 eggs per year, while champion layers at the college have gone well past the 200 mark in a year. It is desired to develop a laying strain of poultry and to sell the fowls and their eggs at a reasonable price to farmers is the object aimed at in establishing the poultry ranch.

THE FUN MAKERS WILL BE AT DREAMLAND JANUARY 21

On January 21 there will be an opportunity afforded of having two hours of refined pleasure for 50 and 25 cents at the Dreamland theatre. Prof. Conklin arranged with the Britt Lyceum Bureau for the appearance here of the Neil Litchfield company and they will be at the Dreamland Tuesday evening.

The Lyceum stamp of approval is sufficient to warrant the management in saying that the entertainment will be high class. The program is along the line of such fun makers as Sol Smith Russell and Joseph Jefferson.

The program is a continuous performance and ends with a rural comedy playlet.

CIRCUIT COURT DISPOSES OF TWO CRIMINAL CASES

The Circuit Court has disposed of two criminal cases this week.

The case against Hamilton and his partner for stealing horses from Wm. Isaacs and others, was dismissed, the jury holding that the men had been tried once and convicted on this charge.

It means that all the horses were stolen at once and constituted but one crime. These are the men turned loose by Governor West a short time after they arrived at the penitentiary.

Lee Denny was tried for cattle stealing at Jordan Valley.

ALL BUTTER WRAPPERS MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED

Under the new ruling all the butter made or marketed in Oregon must be labeled with the weight, name of maker and kind of butter, before being offered for sale. The Argus has a supply of the special ink used in printing the wrappers and will be glad to fix you out with a supply of neatly printed wrappers.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS MEETS IN PORTLAND

150 Enthusiastic Delegates Are in Attendance from Over the State.

The second annual Irrigation Congress of Oregon was held last week at the Imperial hotel in Portland.

Over 200 persons attended the daily sessions of which number 150 were delegates representing the various Commercial clubs, Water Users' associations and districts throughout the state.

Wm. Hanley, of Burns, who resided at the session, was elected president and Joe Hinkle, of Hermiston, was again chosen secretary. The committee appointments will be made later by President Hanley.

A lengthy program was given during which various irrigation projects over the state were discussed. W. F. Homan, of Ontario, made a talk on the proposed Dead Ox Flat pumping proposition and minutely described the plans of this immense undertaking.

While many propositions were considered, the Columbia Southern project and the present Carey act plans were the principal features of the meeting. Some harrowing tales of conditions were told by men residing under these projects and the result is that the Congress through its legislative committee, will ask the state to take up the propositions and decide as to the future developments.

The general opinion was that much good resulted from last years' meeting and considerable interest has been awakened in the irrigated districts.

This session of the state asked no assistance at this time, but was well represented, Ontario having seven delegates present. The officers predict a much larger attendance next year.

DR. C. L. ALSBURG



Dr. Carl L. Alsbury, successor to Dr. Wiley as government pure food expert.

ENTRYMEN HAVE NO VOICE IN ORGANIZING DISTRICTS

By a recent ruling title to land is necessary before people can vote an organization of irrigation districts. Desert and homestead entrymen have no voice and residence on the land is not necessary. The law regulating the organization of irrigation districts is a bad mix up and should be straightened out.

If you want printing of the better class you get it at the Argus office—the price is right.

MORTON BARROWS OF ST. PAUL A VISITOR LAST WEEK

Morton Barrows was here last week looking over his orchard interests in this section. He made arrangements to have a nice house erected on one of the tracts and will spend part of the time here, when he can get away from his law practice in St. Paul. Mr. Barrows went from here to Southern California where he has a son in the orange business and will advise the young man to quit California and come to a good country where things do not freeze up.

SCHUBERT SYMPHONY CLUB WILL APPEAR HERE SOON

The Cemetery Improvement society has made arrangements for the appearance here on February 1, of the Schubert Symphony club, at the opera house. These people have an excellent reputation and the people of Ontario will have an opportunity of spending a pleasant evening, and the same time knowing they are helping a good cause.

PROMINENT LAW FIRM MAKES BUSINESS CHANGE

McCulloch & Eckhardt is the new firm of attorneys, who have taken over the practice of McCulloch, Solias & Duncan. Mr. Duncan will devote his attention to the abstract business, which he purchased a short time ago from C. C. Muller, at Vale. Mr. Solias has not decided on his future location. Mr. Eckhardt, the new member of the firm has been with them some time as assistant and is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the clients.

The offices have been newly fitted up and they now have the largest law library between Baker and Boise, over 1000 volumes.

Mr. McCulloch is now prepared to devote his entire attention to the practice, his term as prosecuting attorney having expired.

BULL MOOSE HOLD AN INTERESTING MEETING

The Bull Moosers of this county held a meeting at Vale Wednesday and organized by electing Robert Van Gilse temporary chairman and E. B. Conklin, secretary. Robert Van Gilse was selected as delegate to Portland to attend the meeting for state organization. Five precincts were represented. A meeting will be held Saturday to perfect organization.

COUNTY COURT APPOINTS TWO NEW FAIR DIRECTORS

The County Court has appointed E. A. Fraser, of Ontario and E. L. Tschirgi of Brogan, as directors of the Malheur county fair. The directors will meet Saturday and organize. Plans for the 1913 fair will be discussed and preparations started to make it bigger and better than the fairs of the past, which will be going some.

AN OLD BARBER IN A BRAND NEW SHOP

Ed Tremaine is now proprietor of the Moore barber shop. Ed is well known in this town and section and has an elegantly fitted shop to which he invites you. He will insist on the best of everything for his patrons.